

# PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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W. Devine, S. Galloway, P. Hewitt, C. Kelly, M. Maddren, J. Murray, C. Swainston, S. Weatherhall, P. Wynn,  
Rev. J. Butters, Rev. Deacon, D. McKie & V. Corcoran, C. Welch, A. Caswell.

Parish Council Meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
7:00pm  
The Medway

## Minutes

- I. Present: M. Besford, S. Galloway, P. Hewitt, C. Kelly, M. Maddren, J. Murray, C. Swainston, S. Weatherhall, P. Wynn, Rev. J. Butters, W. Scott, W. Divine
- II. Apologies: A. Ewing, Rev. Deacon. D. McKie, V. Corcoran
- III. Chair welcomed C. Welch and A. Caswell to the committee as part of the Diocesan Lay Council representatives.
- IV. M. Besford noted that Social Media for the Parish has had a successful start.
- V. C. Kelly told the Council that she and others are going to hold a meeting for the Youth for a Youth Mass and they are to decide the settings for the Mass. This will involve the Confirmation group and also the youth of the parish.
- VI. J. Murray presented the new Confirmation guidelines to the council and said that a lot of the ideas that Billingham group raised at the consultation meeting were used including the Pilgrimage to Rome. M. Besford mentioned that the Pilgrimage group in October will be attending the Papal Mass on the Sunday in St Peter's Basilica.
- VII. Fr Butters said that we need to look at other areas of the parish as new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned. Ideas are Lay Leaders for Service of the Word and Communion and Readers.
- VIII. Fr Butters outlined the plan of the Bishop for the Forward Together in Hope plan and the Secretary said that we should start to look at provisional numbers and areas of responsibility etc in order for a dossier to be made to present to the Bishop in 3 years time.
- IX. Bishop Seamus has said that during Advent a night of Reconciliation is to take place for the south of the Diocese at Holy Rosary Church, Dates to be arranged.
- X. Lights will be looked at next from an expert in all three Church's in the Parish.
- XI. A social for Christmas is to be looked at for the Parish.
- XII. Hymn books for the Parish are to be looked at by P. Hewitt with the idea of a memory dedicated to someone imprinted on each hymn book from the Bereavement Group
- XIII. The finance committee has said that a welfare officer to look at the existing property is to be appointed.
- XIV. The council voted against the ideas for notice boards for the Church's.
- XV. At the start of Advent, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be introduced more regularly before Mass and also during the week.
- XVI. A hospital Chaplin has not been appointment to North Tees General hospital nor Hartlepool Hospital, Parishioners are reminded to ask for a Chaplin when admitted to hospital.
- XVII. The next meeting will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and will also be an Annual General Meeting in which Parishioners are able to come to observe the Parish Council, however, unable to vote for seats in the election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.